

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. - 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) Method for forming a protein complex for a sustained release preparation drug, said method comprising treating a protein of said protein complex with a protein complex formative agent comprising a polyphenol[[.]] ,

wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of insulin, interferon α , epithelium cell growth factor (EGF), and allergen protein;

and said polyphenol is a pure epigallocatechin gallate.

17. - 28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) . Method according to claim 16, wherein the weight ratio of said protein to said polyphenol is in the range of about 15 - 1000.

30. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 16, comprising the steps of:

adding said polyphenol to a solution of said protein;

stirring said solution for about 5 - 8 hours;

and drying said solution by freeze-drying.

31. (Currently amended) A protein complex for a sustained release preparation drug comprising: a protein, and a polyphenol[[.]] .

wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of insulin, interferon α , epithelium cell growth factor (EGF), and allergen protein;

and said polyphenol is a pure epigallocatechin gallate.

32. - 34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously presented) The protein complex according to claim 31, further comprising at least one additive selected from the group consisting of an anti-inflammatory drug, an anti-allergen drug, an antihistamine, albumin, a filler, and an antioxidant.

36. (Previously presented) The protein complex according to claim 31, wherein the weight ratio of said protein to said polyphenol is in the range of about 15 - 1000.

37. (New) The protein complex according to claim 31, wherein said protein complex consists essentially of said protein, and said polyphenol.